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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - LAJES

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1. WE BELIEVE TIME IS APPROPRIATE TO FOLLOW- UP WITH GOP
IN EFFORT TO ELICIT THE RESPONSE OF THE PORTUGUESE GOVERN-
MENT TO THE CASE PRESENTED BY THE US TEAM IN JUNE 11-12
CONSULTATIONS. EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT VERES SEVERAL TIMES
EXPLAINED THAT HE COULD ONLY GIVE A " TECHNICAL" OR AVIATION
RESPONSE AND THAT INTRA- GOP CONSULTATION WOULD BE REQUIRED
PRIOR TO A MORE BROAD- GAUGE RESPONSE.

2. EMBASSY THEREFORE REQUESTED MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES,
STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF US RECEIVING AN EARLY AND DEFINI-
TIVE REPLY FROM THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT. YOU SHOULD
AT THE SAME TIME REMIND THE OFFICIALS TO WHOM YOU TALK OF
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THE US WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME TYPE OF PRAGMATIC SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM, BUT STRESS THAT REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE " FINAL" GOP POSITION MIGHT BE, CONTINUING DELAYS DO NOT SEEM THE APPROPRIATE WAY TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE.

3. FYI: PAN AMERICAN'S " OFFICIAL" FOUR WEEK SUSPENSION OF LAJES SCHEDULE EXPIRES NEXT WEEK AND EMBASSY MIGHT FIND IT APPROPRIATE TO REMIND GOP OFFICIALS THAT SCHEDULING PROBLEMS, ETC BEING CAUSED FOR THE US AIRLINE ARE SERIOUS AND REAL. END FYI. RUSH

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